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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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YOSHIDA et al.

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Examiner: C. Koslow

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For:

FERROMAGNETIC ZnO-TYPE COMPOUND INCLUDING TRANSITION

METALLIC ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTING FERROMAGNETIC

CHARACTERISTICS THEREOF

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.121

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 7, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004, please amend the above identified application as shown below.